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SUBJ: SITE NEWS COVERAGE DISCREET, BUT SKIRTING LIMITES

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1. ON JANUARY 4 SITE TV NEWS REPORTED THE PRIME MINISTER'S WARNING AT VISAKHAPATNAM OF EXTERNAL THREATS TO INDIA'S FREEDOM. SITE NEWS DID NOT REPORT HER EARLIER CRITICAL REMARKS AT CHANDIGARH. THE DECEMBER 31 BROADCAST, HOWEVER, QUOTED CONGRESS PARTY PRESIDENT D.K. BAROOAH AS SAYING THERE WERE FORCES IN THE WORLD AND ALSO WITHIN THE COUNTRY WHICH HAD NEVER FELT VERY HAPPY ABOUT INDIA'S NON-ALIGNMENT POLICY. THE SITE NEWS COVERAGE WAS A MUCH TONED DOWN VERSION OF WHAT BAROOAH ACTUALLY SAID.

2. WE SHALL CONTINUE TO MONITOR WITH CARE THE SITE TRANSMISSIONS. AT THIS POINT WE CAN ONLY OBSERVE THAT WHILE SOMEONE IS EXERCISING AT LEAST A DEGREE OF POLITICAL DISCRETION AS FAR AS SITE IS CONCERNED, THE REFERENCES TO FOREIGN THREATS FOR THE FIRST TIME

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IN THE SITE NEWS TRANSMISSIONS ARE BEGINNING TO

SKIRT CLOSE TO THE EDGE OF WHAT WE HERE WOULD SEE
AS UNACCEPTABLE.
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